

Label Update for Ecopar

Some significant updates have been made to the Ecopar label. Changes have been made to the use rates in both cereal crops and pastures. The new rate ranges allow more flexibility in terms of weed size and crop timing

CEREALS

In cereals the maximum use rate has increased from 400 mls per Ha to 800 mls per Ha. The recommended rate of MCPA Amine 750 (e.g. Agroxone 750) to be mixed remains at 330mls per Ha although this is now the minimum rate and higher rates of MCPA are now also recommended according to the MCPA 750 product label.

The rate increase allows for Ecopar to be used on slightly larger weeds or when infestation levels are high.

Ecopar can now be used from the 2 leaf stage of the crop until the end of tillering (Zadoks 29). It is recommended that the maximum rate of Ecopar used at the 2 leaf stage remain at 400 mls while the new higher rates should be used beyond the 3 leaf stage. Higher rates of MCPA 750 can be used according to the MCPA product label.

In most cases Ecopar is best used early on small weeds and rates of 400 to 500mls (plus MCPA) remain very effective and economical. The following trial highlights the effectiveness of Ecopar when used early on small weeds, even where multiple resistance to other products has been detected.

Always read the entire label prior to use.

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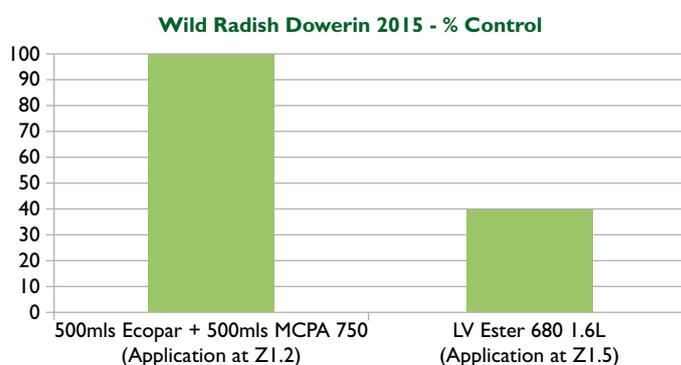


Fig 1: Control of Wild Radish with multiple resistance.

PASTURES

The new maximum rate of Ecopar for use in clover and medic based pastures has increased from 400mls per Ha to 500mls per Ha. The recommended rate of MCPA Amine 750 remains at 330mls per Ha, however higher rates of MCPA can now be recommended according to the MCPA Amine product label. It is suggested that the rates recommended in the spray graze section of the MCPA Amine 750 label can now be mixed with 400-500mls of Ecopar per Ha.

The lower rate is recommended at the 3 trifoliolate leaf stage of the pasture, and remains the most cost effective and efficacious option. The rate can be increased beyond the 3 trifoliolate leaf stage of the pasture, where weeds are slightly larger and weed density is high. Typically 500mls of Ecopar plus 500mls MCPA 750 has proven cost effective and reliable.

